

REMARKS

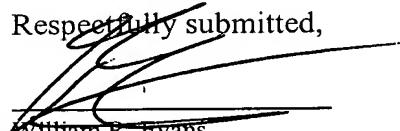
The objection to Claim 1 and other non-narrowing editorial amendments are made to the claims without invoking any present Festo-like decision.

Because the new claims correspond to the original claims, no present Festo-like decision should be invoked despite some contrary thinking.

However, claim 1 is narrowed by new "wherein" limitations to traverse its rejection under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the cited Laturner patent. Although Fig. 10a, for example, of the patent bears some resemblance to Fig. 2 of the application, the impact damper of the patent is not "at a given height off the ground" as originally claimed nor, as now claimed, with inner deformable tubular members resting one against the other at a point of securing. The patent has end caps 34 and braces 44.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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